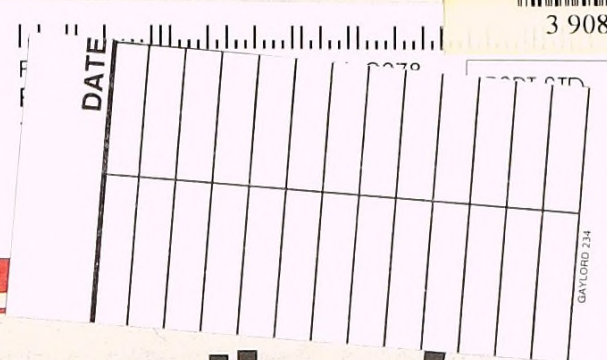


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## School trustees re-elected for another 4 years

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Incumbents were king – or queen, in this case – after the votes were tallied for the 2005 Romulus Community School Board of Education election.

Cheryle Buckley, the current board president, and April Frayer, the current board secretary, were re-elected for another four-year term by a 2-1 margin Tuesday. Unofficial counts of the votes indicated that challengers Tony Heimberger and Leo Knasiak each earned 188 and 286 votes, respectively. Buckley earned 707 votes and Frayer, 514.

City Clerk Linda Choate said election turnout was about where it normally is by local election standards, and that moving the operation to city hall likely did not affect turnout. With about

947 votes cast, the turnout represents about 6.5 percent of the 15,000 registered voters in Romulus.

"I feel it was pretty normal," she said. "I haven't had a chance to add up the total turnout yet – we've been busy making sure everything is sealed and in order. But I think there was little difference."

Both Buckley and Frayer were first-term board members, and both are the mothers with two sons who attend Barth Elementary School. Buckley, 49, is an administrative manager with General Motors. She said she would focus on retaining students and responsible fiscal management during a time of unprecedented school funding cuts.

Frayer, 41, is a lifelong resident of Romulus and a graduate

of Romulus High School. During her term, she has served as the board treasurer and secretary. Frayer campaigned on the platform of providing more security at Romulus Middle School. She is employed as an information technology analyst.

When reached at her home Tuesday night, Buckley said she is happy the voters expressed confidence in her abilities.

"I'm really pleased," she said. "To me, there are several things we need to address – namely keeping an eye on our funding, because it's not going to be pretty. I'd also like to look at ways to make sure all of our kids are from Romulus. I've heard that it's a problem that many of our kids don't actually live in Romulus. We pay a lot of taxes in this community, and we need to be sure that our resources are going to



Cheryle Buckley



April Frayer

our kids."

Frayer was unavailable for comment Tuesday night.

Board positions will rotate to different members at the next board meeting. Frayer will replace Buckley as president, and Buckley will return as a trustee. The seven-member board rotates the offices each

year so board members are given the opportunity to serve in several capacities, Buckley said.

Board members are elected in staggered terms each year, with no more than two members up for re-election at the same time.

Final election numbers will be available after 6 p.m. on Wednesday.



### Family feud

An update of William Shakespeare's classic drama Romeo and Juliet was the play of choice for the Romulus High School Drama Club spring spectacle. This marks the second time the troupe has tackled the bard: they previously presented A Midsummer's Night Dream. This update – which was written by Lindsay Price – puts the Montagues and the Capulets in a modern-day setting. Above, starring as the Capulets are (left to right): James Blanton, Matt Norfleet, Jennifer Lammers as Juliet, Alicia Bracy, Eric Rister, Monay Smith, Erin Bragg and Kevin Strobbe. Below, as the Montagues, are (left to right): Jessica Mills, Garret Lefler, Adam Delay, Dakota Watson, Brittany Heil, Kyle Sherwood and Dekarle Eldridge.



## Events help keep city clean for residents

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Clean is the word to live by in Romulus, beginning May 14.

That's because the city has designated the second week of May as the official spring clean-up week.

Having a clean up day is not unusual and seems like a small step, but Councilman Leroy Burcroff said it's important to keep the city tidy because businesses and other developments like to come to communities that look clean and well organized.

"A lot of communities have clean up days and it's not something that's exclusive to us, but I think it helps in terms of development when someone comes to Romulus and sees that we care about the community," he said. "This helps in terms of getting people to have pride and take ownership of the city. That can only help us in the long run."

This year, the city will help support the effort by opening up the Department of Public Services yard to take in objects that conventional trash handlers might not pick up without levying an extra cost. This year, the guidelines are as follows:

- Not more than three bulky pieces of furniture or freon-free appliances;
- One truckload of construction debris per household; and
- Four tires per household;

All items that are dropped off must be in bags, boxes or bundles

for quick unloading. No more than two loads per day can be dropped off. Items that will not be accepted include car parts, stumps, hazardous liquids, appliances containing freon, lawn mowers, batteries, flammable liquids, solvents, limbs, concrete and paint, among others.

All residents who drop off items off will need to show their driver's license or other proof of residency. There is no charge.

Burcroff said it's necessary for the city to help residents who might be weighed down in debris because some can't afford the cost of having items removed.

"I always encourage people to clean a place they are passionate about, whether it's their neighborhood or a school," he said. "I think opening up DPS gives us an example of government reaching out to residents and encouraging them to do the right thing. A lot of people might dump these things because the government makes it too difficult; a lot of communities are too restrictive. By doing this, we're encouraging people to do the right thing."

Targeted public areas of the city will be cleaned up May 21 when more than 50 volunteers hit the streets for the Clean Sweep 2005. The day begins at 9 a.m. at city hall, where the volunteers will be deployed to assigned areas with gloves, bags and cleaning supplies. The city is still looking for volunteers – many of whom

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## Mixed-use development approved

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The Romulus City Council gave tentative approval Monday night to a new development that, when completed, will be adjacent to Detroit Metro-politan Airport.

Commonly known as the Metro

Airport Center, the mixed-use residential and commercial development was unanimously approved by council members after several months of adjustments to the site plan at the planning commission stage. The development will be located on a 73-acre parcel of currently vacant land bordered by

Goddard and Grant roads, and Wayne and Vining roads, according to the site plan.

Economic Developer Tim Keyes said the proposal represents the kind of development that will help bring commercial

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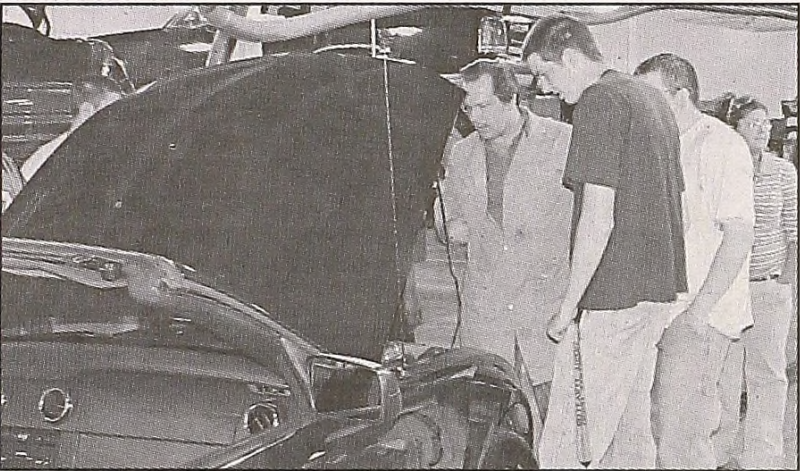


# Training wheels

## Ford provides Mustang to auto class at local school

The Mazda Ford Auto Alliance recently donated a new 2005 Ford Mustang to the auto mechanics and auto body classes in the Van Buren Public Schools Career and Technology school. The car is not intended to be on the road, rather it will be used to teach the students about current technology. Anthony Bailey, Ford Purchasing Division material cost manager, presented the students with the donation saying they were receiving the car to learn how the industries newest technology works. "We will show you how to charge and discharge the air conditioning on this car,"

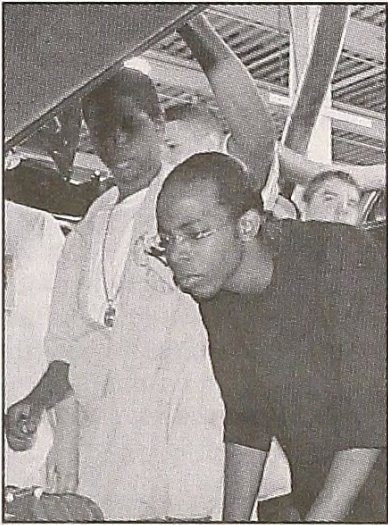
he said. "You will also learn how to disassemble and reassemble the brake system and by the time you graduate, you will know this technology inside and out." Mike Barnes, auto body instructor, said the vehicle will also show the students their strengths and abilities. "It will also teach you everything you need to know in life," he said. "Ford Motor is donating vehicles like this all through the downriver area to schools just like yours. (Ford's) Future relies on you and what you do for yourselves. I came out of the inner city and made it. You can make it too."



Mike Barnes, auto body instructor, and Scott Cameron check out what's under the hood.



(From left to right) Rey Poson, Dale Sisco, Michael Holder, Scott Cameron, Steven Grant, Matt Marttila, Craig Wanty, Eric Buckner, Maurice Crain, Josh Hill, Max Maxwell, Kevin Bryant, Harry Uhlianuk, auto mechanics instructor Anthony Bailey, Ford Purchasing Division material cost manager and Rill Currie, career education supervisor, pose in front of their newest school project—the Mustang.



Kervin Bryant (left) and Maurice Crain (right) inspect the Mustang.



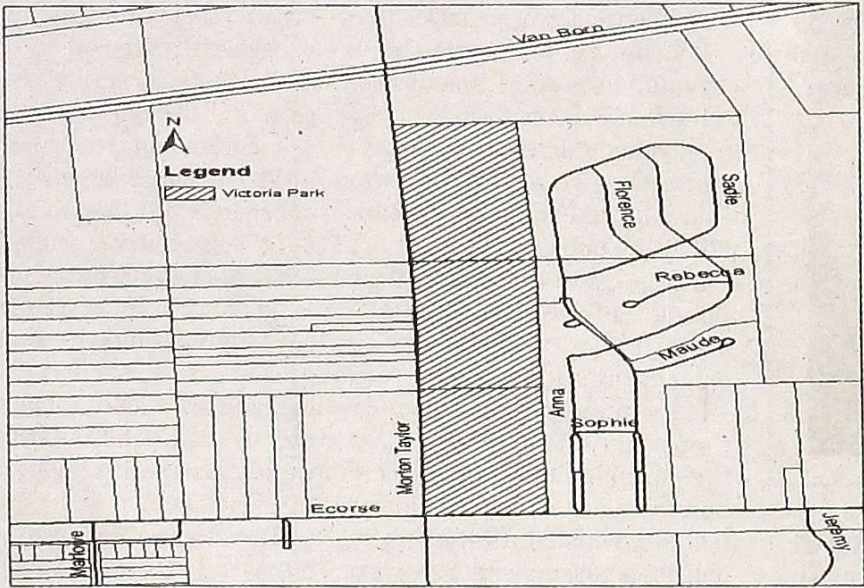
(From left to right) Chris Balovich, Richard Morgan, Brandon Smith, Kervin Bryant, Joshua Hill, Mike Barnes and Matt Mortila anticipate the start of seeing just what this car is made of.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday May 11, 2005** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-007-99-0001-701, V125-83-007-99-0003-701, V125-83-006-99-0007-701 approximately 66.56 acres is located on the north side of Ecorse Road and East side of Morton Taylor Road between Morton Taylor and Haggerty Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a Planned Residential Development Section 7.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., May 11, 2005, the hearing date.

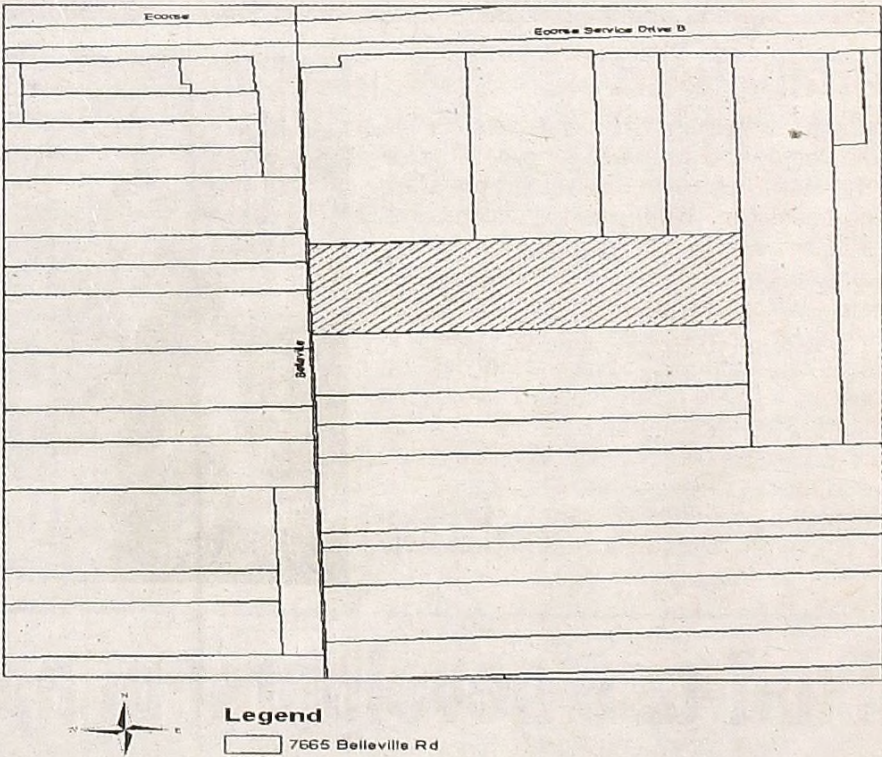
In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday May 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, by rezoning parcel number V-125-83-038-99-0042-000. This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between Ecorse Road and Robson Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting to rezone from R-1C Single Family Residential to C-1 General Business. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., May 11, 2005, the hearing date.

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# Man helps nab car thieves, earns reward

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

On a cold January day, Donald Keeton saw something strange from his car as he drove through Romulus.

Six men – who weren't doing anything illegal but looked quite nervous – sat in a parked van near a popular restaurant. The men didn't look like they belonged there, he said, so he scribbled down the license plate number. He later gave that number to Romulus Police officers.

It turns out the men had a reason to be nervous. They were sitting in a "drop car," or a vehicle that serves as a nerve center for a stolen car ring. The Dodge Ram vehicle, police said, was stolen from a Romulus resident before Thanksgiving, and the men were planning to steal five or six more vehicles that evening.

But thanks to Keeton's observation, police determined the men were driving a stolen van, and eventually connected the men to eight other stolen vehicles in the community, said Romulus Police Cpl. Dwayne DeCaires.

"We haven't busted a big stolen car ring in a while, and we're glad to have broken this one up," he said. "But this was all because of (Keeton's) tip."

City officials recognized the

value of Keeton's observation on Thursday when Mayor Alan Lambert, Public Safety Director Charles Kirby and Terri Miller, the director of Michigan Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (HEAT) presented the tipster with a \$4,300 check during a ceremony at city hall.

Lambert, a former police officer, said tipsters like Keeton help make the city a safer place to live and work. "We want to thank Mr. Keeton for going out of his way to get involved," he said. "He provided extremely valuable information to the City of Romulus Police Department."

Keeton, a retired railroad worker who lives on a fixed income, said he's glad the tip helped police, but also said he's uncomfortable with all the publicity surrounding the arrests.

"I have a friend up north that learned about this the day after it happened," he said. "It never occurred to me that this would be about stolen cars – I thought maybe they were robbing the restaurant. I'm glad they didn't get to steal any more cars because insurance is already too expensive, and it's a shame that some people want to make a quick buck by stealing someone else's car."

DeCaires, who worked on the investigation, said the vehicle thefts might never have been



Donald Keeton received a substantial reward for a tip that he gave to the Romulus Police Department in January. Those in attendance at the award presentation included (from left to right): Romulus Safety Director Charles Kirby, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Donald Keeton, Terri Miller, director of the Michigan HEAT program, and Police Cpl. Dwayne DeCaires.

solved if not for Keeton. "Within a short time period we were able to recover several stolen vehicles and had arrested eight people," he said. "The information provided by Mr. Keeton helped us to stop them. Out of the eight people, we were able to get charges on four of them."

The men charged at the 34th District Court in Romulus are 17-year-old Ervin Mitchell and 18-year-old Raphael White, both of Inkster, and 17-year-old Mark Swanagan of Romulus. Another boy was charged with theft as a juvenile, and police are withholding his name.

Mitchell and Swanagan were charged with concealing stolen property, a five-year-felony, and unauthorized driving of vehicle, a five-year felony. Because Mitchell has other auto-related felonies on his record, he was charged as a three-time habitual

offender, which means his sentence could be doubled under Michigan law. Swangan has four other felony convictions and faces life in prison as a fourth-time habitual offender.

White was charged with unauthorized driving of vehicle and concealing stolen property, both five-year felonies.

DeCaires said Romulus residents are an integral part of apprehending criminals, and that keeping an eye on what's happening can make a big difference. Anyone with information on car theft or insurance fraud is asked to call DeCaires at (734) 955-8815. Residents can also call the HEAT tip line at (800) 242-HEAT.

The HEAT program gives tipsters money for helping to stop auto theft. Depending on the circumstances, a tipster can receive up to \$10,000.

## Inkster coach resigns over recruitment allegation

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

District officials are looking for a new athletic director at Inkster High School.

Dave Mann – a coach that brought the Inkster Vikings girls basketball team to a division championship in 2002 – will only remain at Inkster High until the end of the 2004-05 school year, according to Herb Williams, the operations manager of Inkster-Edison Schools.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) recently suspended Mann, who joined the district five years ago, for one year for allegedly recruit-

ing players from another high school, a violation of association rules. He and the district went through an appeals process in February, but MHSAA officials declined to lift the suspension.

Williams said that because the suspension was upheld, the district asked Mann to resign.

"I think we did everything we could to support him, but the suspension was upheld, so that's where we're at," Williams said. "Under the current situation, I think it's the best thing for students and the athletic program."

A search for a new athletic director will commence immediately, Williams said. "We hope to have someone in place by this

summer, and we're entertaining both internal and outside candidates for the job," he said. "We're looking for someone to make the program more successful."

Mann's suspension pertained only to his coaching duties. He could have stayed on as the athletic director during the yearlong suspension, Williams said.

Mann was the former girls' basketball coach for Bishop Borgess in Redford before joining Inkster Schools. His hiring at Inkster High in 1999 surprised coaches and MHSAA officials because of allegations that he had arranged tuition payments for some of his players, according to an MHSAA representative.

The coach was also investigated two years ago by the MHSAA and suspended for agreeing to transport a student to a game – which is in violation of association rules. The student was later charged with setting his vehicle on fire shortly thereafter.

It's unclear what Mann's plans are for the future. When asked whether he felt asking for his resignation was fair, Mann said he did not want to comment about the situation.

"I really don't know what I'm going to do next," he said. "I'm sure that at some point the future that I'll want to coach again, but I have no idea when that will occur."

## Project - Development increases density

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development and residential density to the city.

"We're thinking the residential component of this could appeal to people who might work at the airport," he said.

"This will also bring business to the area – its location is perfect for a company that might want to come here."

The development is a combination of office space, warehouse space and 14 condominiums. IAC Metro LLC in Detroit is the developer for the project. Councilman

Leroy Burcroff said the development follows current trends in Romulus, but that doesn't mean having another mixed-use project near the airport is a bad thing.

"Yes, it's a lot of the same, but I think this is an appropriate use of the property," he said. "This is a planned development area – and we could put this together in ways that we couldn't with a zoned area because the laws are specific. We think this will work out well."

Representatives from IAC Metro LLC were unavailable for comment.

Metro Airport Center is a relatively small part of a building and development boom that has lasted about three years in Romulus. Keyes said there are 800 homes in about nine subdivisions currently under construction in the city. There are currently other homes in the planning stages that could bring that total up to about 1,000.

Other commercial developments include the expansion of Aztec Manufacturing, and the construction of a new, 303,180 square-foot storage facility by First Industrial.

## News in Brief

### Rummage sale scheduled

Community United Methodist Church members have planned the annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, and Friday, May 13, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 14. The sale will include various items including men's and women's clothing, toys, furniture and household items. Community United Methodist Church is located at 11160 Olive St. in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 941-0736.

### Restaurant helps animal shelter

Captain Nemo's will host a fundraiser for the proposed Romulus Animal Shelter from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. Twenty percent of proceeds from that day will benefit the effort to replace the current animal shelter with a new one that is larger and better prepared to deal with the number of stray animals in the community. Captain Nemo's is located at 12033 South Huron River Dr. For more information about the benefit, call (734) 941-6000. To donate money to the animal shelter, call Councilman William Wadsworth at (734) 341-0616.

### Flea Market comes to town

The Romulus Historical Society is looking for vendors for the annual flea market. The flea market will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. All vendors must bring their own tables to set up. Each vendor will also be charged a one-time \$15 fee for the space rental. The flea market will take place at Hunt Street near Goddard, next door to the Romulus Post Office. For more information, call (734) 941-2678.

### "File for Life" cards available

The Romulus Senior Center in conjunction with the Fire Department will offer "File for Life" cards at the senior center beginning today. The bright red card – which seniors are advised to attach to refrigerators – allows emergency personnel to obtain crucial information in case a senior is incapacitated. The red card allows for a photo of the person in a dwelling, and the attached white card allows the occupant to list conditions, medications and other information so paramedics can begin treating the person. Fire Chief David Allison said the cards can eliminate a number of confusing situations that arise when a resident has an emergency, but is unable to verbally provide medical information. Cards cost \$1, but no resident will be turned away because of their inability to pay. For more information call (734) 942-6852.

## Clean

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can choose the place they would like to clean in the city. For more information, call the city at (734) 955-4577.

The Romulus Department of Public Services is located at 12600 Wayne Road between Eureka and Goddard. Items can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 16 through Friday, May 20. Items can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.



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# OPINION

## This one seems safe

A proposal to change some of the by-laws under which the Canton Township Board of Trustees operates drew quite a bit of attention last week, and it's difficult to say why.

The by-law changes were mostly tweaks to the language to bring the board in line with current technology as well as to further quantify long-standing trends.

A couple of the main points tackled were the deadlines trustees were asked to follow to submit information to the board before meetings – as a professional courtesy to their colleagues – and to allow votes at meetings that had been labeled study sessions providing they continued to be posted in the same manner and in the same places as regular township trustee meetings.

A few residents were concerned – if not outright angry – at the proposals, though, and came to the meeting determined to defend the First Amendment, which they thought was in jeopardy.

Much of the discussion was prompted by new trustee Todd Caccamo, who suggested that, since he was a veteran, he was more sensitive about issues like freedom of speech.

Well, our editorial department doesn't have any veterans of the armed services, but we're still staunch defenders of the right of public expression. We didn't see any flags – subtle or otherwise – that the township trustees were trying to step on or any civil liberties being trampled, either. Most of the changes ultimately agreed to were the recommendations of township language guru Clerk Terry Bennett.

It's nice to see the board look at their own procedures as they try to stay current with the times, too. All patriots – those who've served in the military and those who have not – should rest easy, because the U.S. Constitution will survive.

## A little like sausage making

Anyone who has experienced a municipal budget study session will probably tell you there are more exciting things to do.

As cities throughout the state are nearing the end of this often tedious and thankless process, we'd like to give a bit of encouragement to those elected officials whose task it is to filter through these documents, line item by line item, and make sound financial decisions, as well as those citizens interested enough to sit alongside them and offer questions of their own.

Of course, the same goes for the city department heads and administrators who develop those budgets, to begin with.

Believe it or not, there is some good news there, too. It's not necessarily that there is more money than anticipated, or that everyone is getting everything they want from their wish list, either. In many cases, exactly the opposite is true.

Everyone has been there at some time, of course; you make out a grocery list that includes shrimp and Prince spaghetti and end up choosing ground chuck and Ramen noodles. It's not all that different for city department heads, particularly at a time when the economy hasn't rebounded the way everybody hoped last year.

In the City of Wayne, for example, officials were hoping for a large influx in tax revenue from a \$400 million expansion project at the Ford Motor Co. plants. The soft economy slowed down that project, though, and so they had to make do with what did come in. At a time when virtually every department has been working understaffed, it must have been difficult news to digest and yet the department heads showed a great deal of fiscal responsibility as they planned for the next year. Nobody got too much, but everyone got a little bit to help make the city a better place.

It's good to see.

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## It's time to call the question

There's less than a week before the deadline for candidates to file in most city elections and I for one hope for a little more action than in the school board elections that took place Tuesday.

There's something unsettling about driving up to a polling place – as I did at about 1:50 p.m. and not seeing anyone outside passing out pamphlets in a last-ditch attempt to inform voters about their candidates. Heck, there weren't even any signs posted at Hoover Elementary School, where I vote. I had to check my card to make sure I was in the right place.

The precinct workers looked almost surprised to see me when I showed up in the otherwise empty gym. The polls had been open since 7 a.m. – more than six hours earlier – and I was voter number seven. Yikes. So much for an increased voter turnout.

I've never understood why school board elections don't bring out more people. In Wayne-Westland, of course, there wasn't a contested election, so that might have contributed to a low voter turnout. Even so, voting is important, if for nothing else to show people that you're paying attention.

I don't predict a small turnout for the upcoming city elections, though, either in the candidates themselves or the voters who decide on which ones will serve. I've heard a lot of rumblings about potential candidates, people who aren't happy with what's going on, people who are just out (in my opinion, of course) to bolster their own egos, people who just want to be a fresh face.

One thing I haven't heard a lot about, though, is a potential ballot question voters here in Wayne may

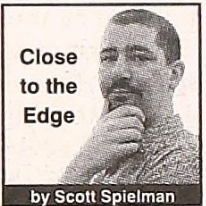
decide: on the fate of the Veteran's Peace Memorial, currently on Wayne Road between the east and westbound lanes of Michigan Avenue. Language has been approved for voters to decide whether the memorial distinction should be stripped of the fountain and given to a new memorial which would be conducted in Goudy Park.

The deadline for the committee that has pursued that issue isn't Tuesday, it's later in the month, but I've not seen any sign of any circulating petitions.

I'm of two minds about it. If someone comes to my door, I will most likely sign the petition to get it on the ballot. I'm curious, after hearing so much about it from one or two people, about how the remainder of the residents feel about the move. I also think that's the only way the issue will ever be 'solved' – is if the people decide, once and for all.

As a journalist, I can't sign any petitions for particular candidates, but I can't see the harm in signing this one. It would not bring on any additional expense and it's not an endorsement one way or the other. I just want to know – and I'm sure other city officials do, too – if there's a strong feeling behind this from the general citizenry.

Anyone in Wayne who has been to a city council meeting or watched them on television or picked up any number of newspapers around Memorial Day and Veteran's Day knows that this is an issue that has been discussed for several years. I think it's time to decide it.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Good advice: Go where you're wanted

I learned an important lesson a few weeks ago while interviewing Romulus High School senior basketball player Dante Williams.

Williams is one of the few lucky—and well-deserving—athletes who will attend college on a full athletic scholarship this fall. Opportunities like that are too few and too far between and I know Williams is the type of person and athlete who will take full advantage of the situation and not waste it.

Although we all should know that a chance of a lifetime shouldn't be thrown away, that's not the lesson to be learned here.

Williams said something that really stuck to me when I asked him why he chose to accept East Tennessee State University's (ETSU) scholarship offer:

"My dad has always told me to go where I'm wanted."

Little does he know how important that advice really is.

At ETSU he'll probably get a chance to play right away as a freshman and put that outside shot of his to immediate use. Isn't that the purpose of going to

the next level—to participate? I'm sure he doesn't plan on warming the bench while other players get the fame and glory.

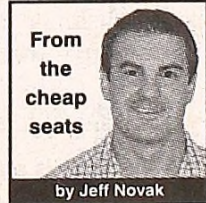
However, if he would have accepted a scholarship from a bigger school, would he have had the opportunity to play right away or would he have to ride the pine for his first three years? Sure there's a certain prestige to a big-time school but that doesn't guarantee you time on the playing field or a ticket to the next level either.

I know what you're thinking: here's another sports writer trying to use sports as an analogy for a life lesson. Well, you're right.

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From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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## Letters

### Parent protests school plan

To the editor;

My name is Jim Rumohr and I live in Plymouth, and my daughter attends Bird Elementary in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

On April 12, 2005 the parents of school children in our subdivision (Rolling Oaks) and a neighboring subdivision (Heather Hills) received a letter in the mail notifying us that, due to overcrowding in the elementary schools in our school district, our children will now be bused across town to another school.

My second grader was crushed. She has roots and ties to the school, as well as Brownies and other activities. Our subdivisions were told in the letter that we would be able to express our thoughts and counter-proposals 11 days later at a committee hearing. Our group pulled together and did a lot of research in a short amount of time and presented four very good and viable options to the committee.

The Housing Committee is going to share their decision with us today on their website at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/default>.

asp The early word we are hearing is that they are going to move forward with their original plan to bus the kids across town.

What upsets us the most is that it is too late for alternative schools, parochial, private, charter, etc. have long closed for next year. In addition, they are affecting 60 children, half of which are not in the overcrowded grades. Worst of all, every elementary school in our district is "overcrowded," so they are moving us to another overcrowded school.

What our parents find the most disturbing is they had our children in Bird seven years ago and then shifted us to Farrand. During that time it was found that the children were on the bus for 45 minutes to an hour (plus two train crossings in Plymouth, which can be a nightmare). The children would arrive sick from the ride and the younger children were regularly wetting themselves, as well. The board decided to move them back to Bird four years ago, and now they want to do it again?

The committee that came forward with this proposal had six months and 12 members. We had

a group of parents and 11 days to find a better solution and I feel we did just that.

Please help, we feel public attention from the *Plymouth Journal* could help us understand why they would do this to our children, again!

Jim Rumohr,  
Plymouth

### Supervisor echoes reporter's claim

To the editor;

I enjoyed Andrea King's "Only the name is the same" article in the April 14 edition of *The Enterprise*. Just think there are only about 474,999 other people in the United States to whom she could be accused of being related!

As for clearing the record, she could certainly fit in with the Kings to whom I am related. Many have blond hair and a few have blue eyes. Several of us like to write. I suspect that our ages are such that I could be old enough to be her mother (but I don't really want to think about that). However, the similarities likely stop there.

Further, while I appreciate

her compliments in the article, and mothers don't often get compliments from their children until they reach adulthood, I must also confirm that she is not my daughter. I am the mother of only one daughter, my blond-haired, teenage Chelsea. To continue, I married a King (Richard) nearly 18 years ago and like Andrea, I am of English, French (my maiden name is French and not Woolley), and German descent. In addition, I have Irish and Scottish heritage. The King family into which I married does not have many relatives in the area but it does include a politician, my father-in-law, the former Mayor of Ypsilanti, Clyde King.

OK, I think that between us we've put this matter to rest. In closing, thank you for your efforts to keep readers aware of the many happenings in Van Buren

Township.

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor  
Van Buren Charter Township

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All letters will be considered for publication and may be edited for content, space and length.

Letters must be signed and a phone number included only for verification of the writer's identity. Addresses and phone numbers will be kept confidential.

## Advice

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(because that's the only way to get a foot in the door because that's where everyone WANTS to work). But are you really gaining any experience or, most importantly, are you doing what you really want to do?

Or should you go to Mom and Pop's Shop, the much smaller company around the corner, that

has made you an offer and has come out and said: 'we want you to work for us,' rather than the other way around. Wouldn't you feel much more appreciated? And wouldn't you actually get to put your skills to immediate use?

The same approach can be taken in more than just sports and work—try with relationships as well. There's nothing more exciting or fulfilling that be with somebody who wants to be with you just as much as you want to be with them.

Don't get me wrong, it's great to have dreams and drive and to be able accomplish the things that you WANT, but it's also nice to be wanted.

So the next time you're sitting in the background waiting for a chance to get in the game, there's p r o b a b l y another work place, school, team or person that's deserving of your time.

## Budget

FROM PAGE 5

In Westland, the budget process has been so smooth that relatively few questions have been needed. It's hard to argue with a plan that puts more money into the general fund balance, provides for capital improvements as well as the same type of service supplied in previous years. Sometimes, even a seemingly minor accomplishment like that is a big victory.

Of course there have been some con-

cerns — like why the police department needs 10 new police cars when they purchased 10 news ones last year, too. To that we say it's difficult to put a price on public safety. If police officers have to wait for a jump start before they can go out and catch the bad guys, we're all in trouble. Besides, those new black and whites look cool.

Like everyone else, we're hoping for a brighter economic picture next time around. But in the sad case that that doesn't come to be, we are at least mollified with the knowledge that our elected and appointed officials will be prepared for it.

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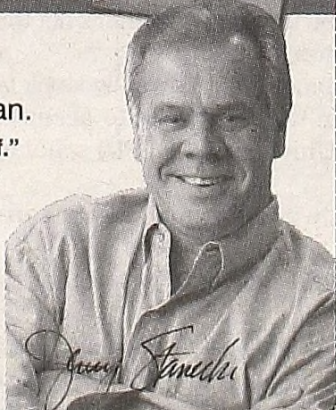
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# BUSINESS

## Home sweet home Developer accomodates clients' lifestyle with new condominiums

John Counts  
Staff Writer

Just because their one-floor condominium units lack stairs doesn't mean Classic Tradition Homes isn't striving to climb to the top of the market.

In fact, the carefree lifestyle afforded by living in the single-story ranch condominiums like the ones currently under construction in Westland are what keep Classic Tradition Homes a step above the rest, according to Kim Pattwell, regional marketing and sales director.

Classic Tradition Homes has also built or is in the process of building the Villas at McCalla Woods in Ypsilanti Township, The Villas at Maple Creek in Canton Township, Timber's Edge in Taylor and Stratford Place in Lansing.

"It's really an awesome concept," she said. "We build very active communities."

Pattwell said the developments are not just a place to live, but a way to live. The Abbeys of Westland will include a clubhouse, a swimming pool and an on-site activity director who plans

events, games and even trips.

Since the condominiums are one-level, Pattwell said they are very appealing to senior citizens, though many younger people who want to live a more liberating lifestyle find them a pleasant place, as well.

Pattwell said that what makes developments like the Abbeys of Westland so desirable are all the options available for entertainment.

"Nowadays, people are really active even when they retire," she said. "We offer them a carefree lifestyle."

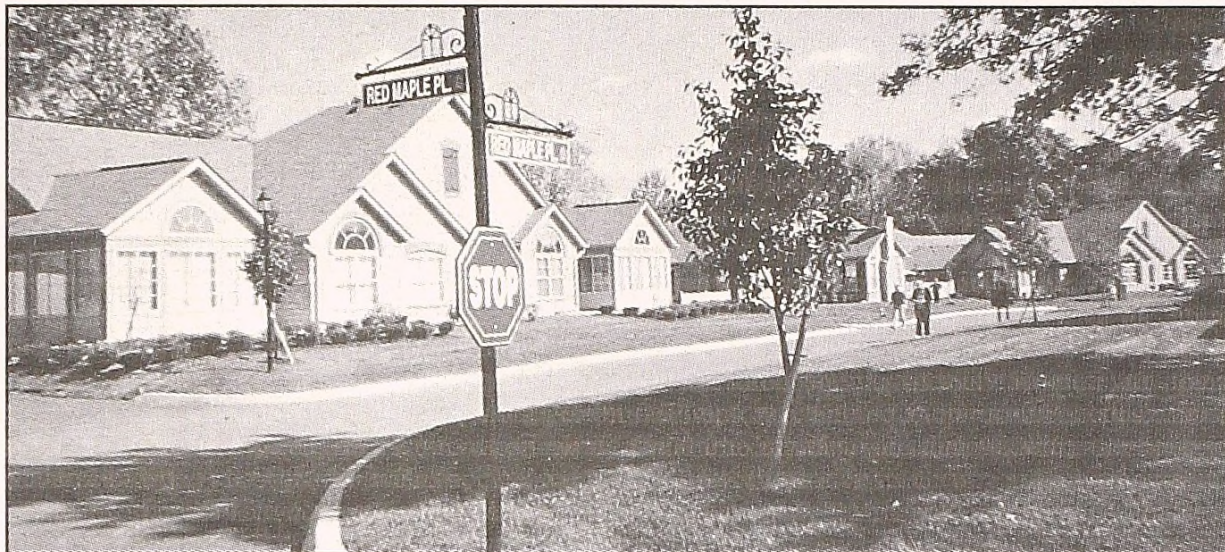
Classic Tradition Homes began building in North Carolina several years ago. Pattwell said they came to this area because it is vibrant.

"We came here because it is a very active community," she said.

People with handicaps are also catered to, Pattwell added. Doors can be widened, support beams added and countertops can be lowered for those with special needs, she said.

"We go over and above what a lot of people do," Pattwell said. "We will make our homes work for them."

There are still six condos left in



Classic Tradition Homes builds communities for vibrant, active souls who want to get out and enjoy a carefree life, above. Breakfast is ready at a typical Classic Tradition Homes condominium floor plan, below.

the first phase of The Abbeys at Westland, which is located on Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads, right across the street from John Glenn High School. When the second phase is complete sometime this summer, there will be 104 units in the complex. The range in size from 1,500 to 1,900 square feet, and in price from \$186,900 to \$199,900. Pattwell said bids on the second phase will begin being taken in May.



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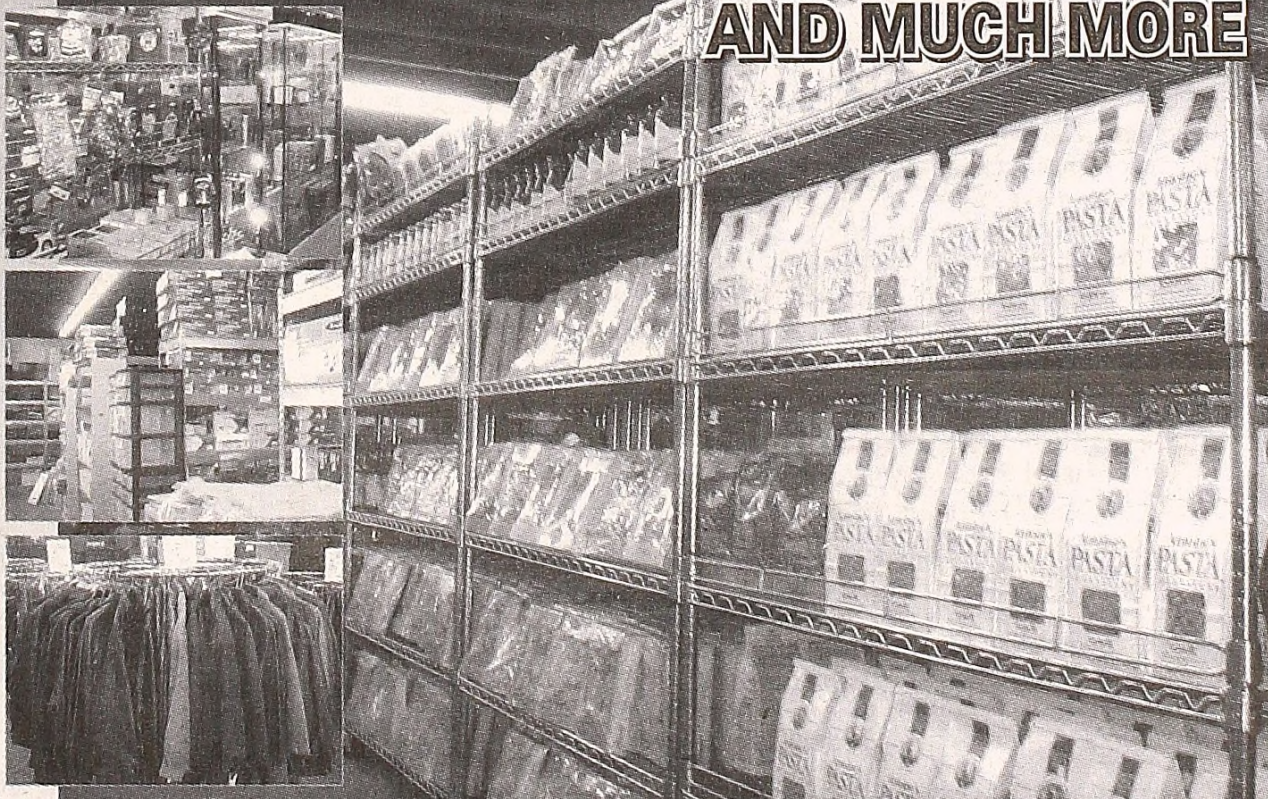
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# Order in the court

## Open house planned for local residents at 34th District Court in Belleville

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Employees of the 34th District Court want every local resident to stand before the judicial bench—but not as a participant in any legal proceeding. Rather, they want residents to be familiar with the court facility so they are hosting the first-ever open house at the court from 1-3 p.m. on May 13.

The court, which serves Belleville, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Huron Township, will host the event in honor of Law Day which takes place in May, according to Oneita Davis, civil supervisor of the 34th District Court.

The national day was originally created to help people understand the jury system and appreciate their role in making it effective. It celebrates the heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law since it was first started by former President Dwight Eisenhower almost half a century ago, and has been a vital part of American life for generations, according to the American Barr Association (ABA).

This year's theme—The American Jury: We the people in action—reminds the community that the jury is the embodiment of democracy. People entrust juries with decisions that involve the liberties and property of defendants. In doing so, they confirm our faith in the ability of people to make just and wise decisions. People also see the jury system as an opportunity to educate Americans in law, legal processes and decision-making in a democracy, according to ABA.

"It's a great event for people to come out and check out the court because not too many people come through here in a good way. This is something we wanted to do to educate and bring the community together," said Davis. "People don't always fully understand the court system and we want to help them understand their role."

Davis said they expect more than 200 residents to participate in the event that includes meeting with Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Judge Brian Oakley and Judge David Parrott, along with officials from the Van Buren Township and Romulus police and fire departments.

Oakley said his job will be a combination of keeping the courtroom going while people visit, as well as giving tours of the jail holding facility and lockup procedures. He wants to let people know that the court is a public facility, he said.

"We want to make people feel comfortable and let them know this is their building. It's not just a place to come when bad things happen," he said.

Outside, visitors who attend the event will see an assortment of vehicles used by the public safety entities including: The Van Buren Township SWAT team truck, Marine Dive Truck, a motorcycle, a squad car, the Van Buren Township Fire Department Smokehouse and a Romulus fire truck and ambulance.

The day will also include demonstrations by Wayne Police Officer Terry Foley, who owns a canine academy training facility located in Wayne. He will show the police canines' unique ability to track and how they perform drug detection and bomb detection.

Other demonstrations include robotic bomb detection from the Romulus Airport Police and the Jaws of Life from the Romulus Fire Department. Scruff-McGruff from the Van Buren Township Police Department will also be there to talk about safety and to pose for pictures.

"Safety is the number one most important thing that we are trying to convey. All of these departments are here for the safety of the community," said Davis.

### NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 05-01

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 23, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

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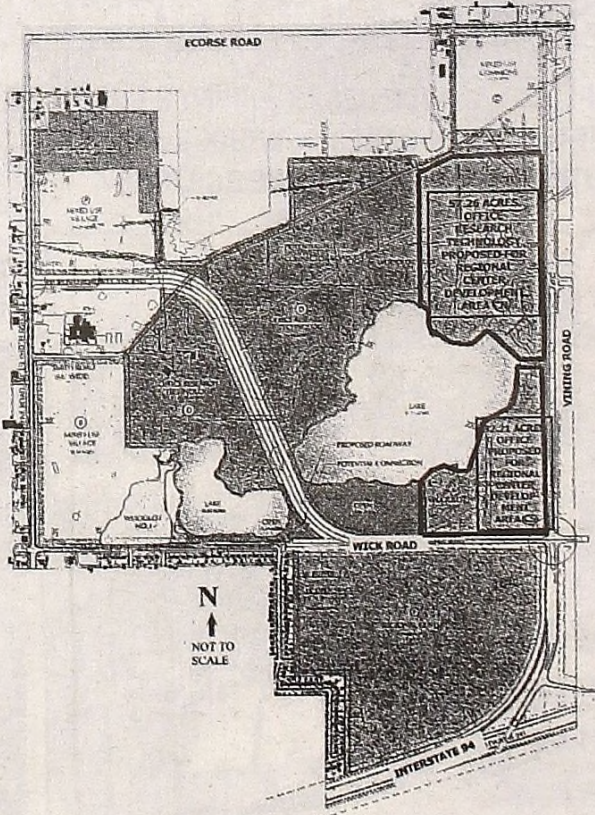
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### CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MATERIAL MODIFICATION METRO WORLD CENTRE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), and the Metro World Centre Planned Development Agreement notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, for the purpose of considering a Material Modification to the Metro World Centre Planned Development Area and Agreement. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a proposal for the change of designation of approximately 57.26+- acres of Development Area D, Office Research and Technology to Development Area C-North, Regional Center and the elimination of approximately 32.21 acres of Development C Area. Office to Development Area C-South, Regional Center. The proposal also includes amendments to the written agreement to implement the change of designations on this property. The property is located on the west side of Vining Road between I-94 and Ecorse Roads and contains the following parcels:  
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Copies of the application for Material Modification including the concept plan and proposed agreement amendments are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 24, 2005, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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# THE SCENE



Reviewed By  
Jonah Magar  
Staff Writer

## Film doesn't quite capture with and imagination of books

Deciding whether to be disappointed or satisfied with *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, which opened last weekend, may be difficult for audiences.

Those who have read Douglas Adams' book before seeing the movie and laughed at some choice phrases for several minutes at a time, will expect something at least reasonably humorous for the big-screen adaptation of the movie.

While I sat there amongst the scattered late-night Sunday moviegoers, there were a few times when I laughed out loud alone. Being a bit of a frood (really amazingly together guy) about the Guide, perhaps I just enjoyed much of the humor others missed.

The disappointments of the movie were rather intangible—as a fan, they were details I would have liked to see, but weren't there. For example, the way Zaphod's heads and third arm were displayed was decidedly not true-to-form, and looked pretty low budget.

Basically, I left feeling betrayed because I had expected a film with everything modern movie-making could offer, and only got something shiny that didn't measure up to the grandiose pictures in my head.

The best part of the movie was the imaginative Hitchhiker's Guide 'book' itself. The PDA-esque publication that Ford Prefect travels the galaxy to write for came out looking crisp and dazzling as it explained things such as ways of the vile alien Vogons. I swear, someone that worked on it must have previously designed visuals for Apple Computers and iPod commercials.

A good deal of the film's narration and dia-

logue were lifted straight out of the book, which was gratifying. Some of the events, however, were not quite as I had expected.

Melding volumes of text together into one flowing sequence of picturesque events for the movie would have been a monumental job for anyone, especially 'virgin movie-producers' Hammer and Tongs.

As a result of inexperience, or maybe just because too much material was crammed in, the pacing of the film was occasionally choppy. The variance of the scenes' content and the generally fast-advancing action made it hard to identify with the characters.

Sometimes there was just too much going on at once—Zaphod tended to get in the way quite often, just stealing the show long enough to be distractingly stupid. Of course, it was a pretty funny distraction.

Finally, while many scenes were eye-poppingly beautiful, some left me feeling a bit like Marvin 'the manically depressed robot.' I had high hopes of seeing some of the more complicated visual action, but my hopes were dashed when scenes altered the action or just left things out entirely.

As a fan, since I both understood many references and just generally appreciated Adams' sense of humor, I laughed till some of the less enthusiastic crowd-members shot me stern glances a few times.

So, my verdict is that, yes, the movie was a success. At a probability factor of two-to-the-power-of-infinity-minus-one against, *Hitchhiker's Guide*

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# House of D

Bad movie happens  
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That's where Lady (Erykah)

While the film raises some interesting issues about life and

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**House**  
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about freedom, the style—a misbegotten mishmash of stilted, morality tale after-school specials and weepy melodramas—leaves much to be desired. Add in Yelchin's tendency to whine, and you arguably have the single most annoying character since Macauley Culkin in *Home Alone* or Jim Varney in *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

The worst part, though, was that it didn't have to be that bad. Williams, Duchovny, and Leoni have all proven in the past that that they can act, and even in *House of D*, the acting isn't atrocious. Unfortunately, they didn't have much to work with. The dialogue seemed stilted, the characters shallow and two dimensional, and many of the scenes seemed eerily familiar. The ironic part is that the poorly-constructed film was written and directed by Duchovny, who received a graduate degree in lit-

erature from Yale and was working on his dissertation when he gave in to the urge to act full-time.

Still, the numbers speak for themselves. When the film began, there were only four people in the theater. By the time it ended, only two were left. Now, the only question is whether or not the film—which opened here on April 29—will still be in theaters tomorrow.

The film is rated PG-13 due to sexual and drug references, thematic elements and language.

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decent transition from page to screen. Despite a few disappointments over surface details that could have been better, the

end result was actually more fulfilling than I'd expected.

It may come off as odd, disconcerting, and slightly acid-trippy to most non-fans, but for those that know where their towels are, the *Hitchhiker's Guide* will brightly illuminate the pictures they've had in their heads for years.



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# Learning experience

## School resource officer enjoys job

Andrea King  
Staff Writer



Officer Ryan Bidwell

Officer Ryan Bidwell considers every workday to be a challenge.

As a School Resource Officer (SRO), his job consists of what he calls a three-fold process: part law enforcement officer, part counselor and part teacher.

"The juvenile legal system is different than the adult legal system. Children don't respond the same way adults do so, in a way, there is a need for more counseling," said Bidwell. "I try to come up with individual ways to deal with certain situations than I would in a normal law enforcement way. No situation or day is ever the same."

On the law enforcement side, he said he addresses any criminal or potentially criminal issues or civil legal matters. As a teacher and a counselor, Bidwell said he is trained to handle legal and criminal counseling matters as well as address law enforcement issues in the classroom.

"Unfortunately, the teaching part of the job gets neglected the most because we are limited on time and with the other duties we have to handle. But when we do get in the classroom, we get to teach the kids about safety issues and other law enforcement issues," he said.

Bidwell is completing his third year as an SRO.

"The reason I got into law enforcement was to help people,"

he said. "I also wanted to teach, so when the position became available, I looked at it as something I definitely wanted to do because I could do both."

Although his primary location is North Middle School, Bidwell travels all over the Van Buren Public School District, along with the other SRO, Kristen Faull.

"I adjust my schedule to meet with the schools depending on what's going on," said Bidwell. "If there's a problem at a certain school, that's where I'll be. It's flexible."

"From a law enforcement standpoint more criminal acts happen in the middle schools and high schools," he added.

But Bidwell and other SRO officers are trained for those types of situations. He was certified through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) on a wide range of topics including class-

room teaching and management skills, school law, crisis plans for the school district, incident planning, school violence, child abuse and neglect issues, special education students and community policing. Plus, he continues to attend additional training as the opportunities come up, he said.

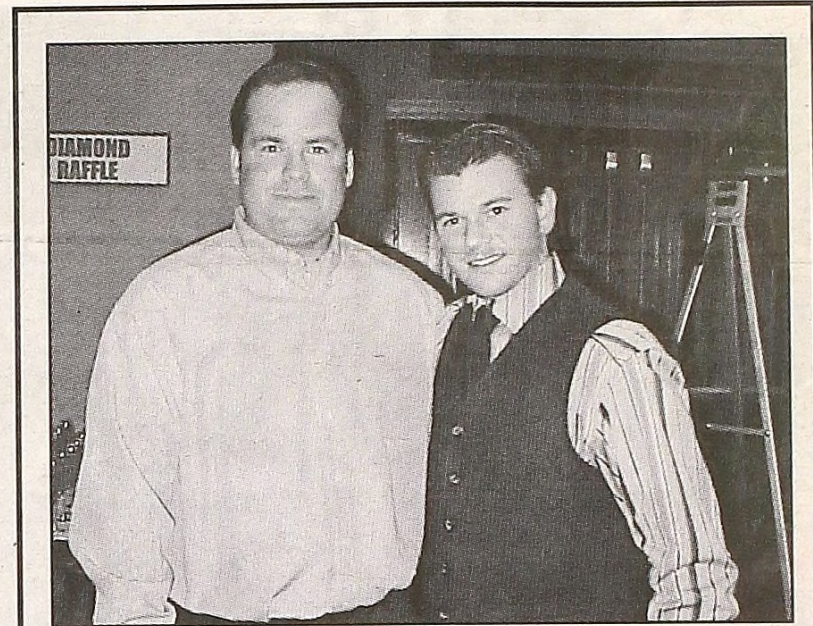
Unfortunately, with state funds dwindling, programs such as the SRO could be in jeopardy. The Van Buren district SROs are currently funded through a federal grant, but once the funding is gone, an alternative means of funding will have to be found.

"If we could not be funded anymore, it would be a big loss to the school district and the community," said Bidwell. "We've been able to prevent dangerous situations and establish an interaction with the kids. Those kids have warmed up to us and in turn provided us with information to harmful situations so my concern would be the loss of communication with students if we were no longer able to be in the schools."

But Bidwell remains hopeful that program will continue in the schools and become an even bigger staple in the community.

"As the school district gets more and more students I see our role expanding," he said.

"People are more aware of us, so additional officers would be of a great need."



## Going once, going twice...

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Belleville Band Boosters recently hosted a Crystal Ball Auction at the Holiday Inn Express in Belleville to generate funds for both the chamber of commerce and the high school marching band. According to Janet Millard, executive director of the chamber of commerce, the auction generated more than \$50,000 to go to the chamber building fund, as well as new uniforms for the marching band. Craig Atchinson and John Colletta of Lakeside Jewelers were among the 230 guests who enjoyed a silent and live auction, dinner and entertainment.

## Center to host screening

The Early Childhood and Development Center, located at 123 South Edgemont St. in Belleville, will host screenings from May 2-6 for any child who may have problems in hearing, vision, talking and motor skills or an emotional disorder.

Children who will be 3 or 4

years old by Dec. 1 who may have any of these problems are encouraged to participate in the testing by the center professionals. Staff members will take name and phone numbers for appointments.

For more information, contact the center at 734-699-2180 ext. 29, or 734-697-9123 ext. 215.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN CORRECTED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Van Buren Township Water and Sewer Department will hold a public hearing on the proposed sewer flow equalization project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on May 23, 2005 at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road.

The purpose of the proposed project is to equalize wet weather sewage flows to better use the existing sewers and sewer capacity.

Project construction will involve a new sewer along Hannan Road or Haggerty Road, and construction of an equalization basin in the vicinity of Hannan and Northline Roads, on property owned by Wayne County.

Impacts of the project include temporary disruption along existing road rights of way during the construction period. No private property is anticipated to be involved in the construction.

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project is estimated to be \$15,000,000. The financing of the project is intended to be through an SRF low interest loan, to be paid for by revenues and taxes already in place. No rate increases or new taxes are intended to be imposed for this project.

Copies of the documents detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at:

Van Buren Township  
Water and Sewer Department  
46425 Tyler Road  
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

Written comments received before the public comment period is closed on **May 23, 2005** will be included in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to:

Charter Township of Van Buren  
Ms Patti Duha, Director of Water and Sewer Operations  
46425 Tyler Road,  
Van Buren Township, MI 48111

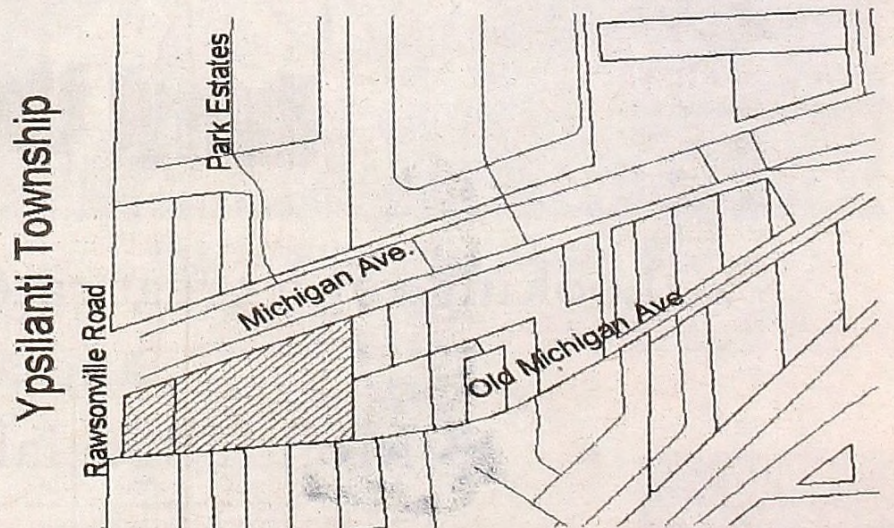
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday May 11, 2005** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-022-99-0011-000 & V125-83-022-99-0010-0000 approximately 3.88 acres is located on the south side of Michigan Ave. between Rawsonville Road and Denton Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a drive-through restaurant window and oil change operation per Section 13.03 (d), (e) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., May 11, 2005, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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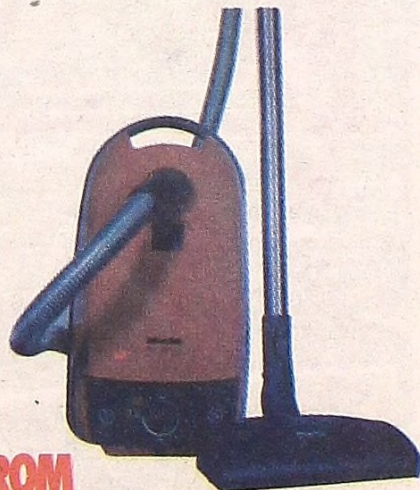
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# SPORTS

## Canton remains undefeated, Conlon earns 10th victory

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Canton's senior hurler Molly Conlon has been a force from the circle all season.

She's gone 10-0 and shows no signs of slowing down.

Most recently she pitched a three-hitter in the team's 1-0 victory against Walled Lake Western on Monday. She pitched the entire 10-inning contest and racked up 15 strikeouts with three walks.

"I think it's a large advantage having someone like Molly on the team, not only for her pitching but for her leadership, too," said Canton Coach Jim Arnold. "She's a very positive person and is positive with all of the players"

Canton held off Western defensively, but it also takes offense to win a game.

At the bottom of the tenth, junior Brittney Scero led off with a double and then the no. 2 hitter, junior Rachel Wade, singled her in for the victory.

"Defensive-wise we played real strong—no errors," Arnold said. "We're hitting the ball and as long as we can do that we'll be all right. This is a strong group of girls."

### Chelsea Invitational

Conlon also pitched 18 innings in three games at the Chelsea Varsity Invitational on Saturday, which the team won. She sat down 26 batters and only gave up seven hits in the tournament.

She came through in the championship game against Bedford when she retired nine batters in her three-hitter with no walks for a 1-0 victory.

Canton's score didn't come until the seventh inning when freshman infielder and pitcher Katie Osburn led off with a base-hit error to get to first. Sophomore infielder Lauren Delapaz, who was 2-for-3 three on the day, singled to move Osburn up. Then Conlon knocked Osburn in for the win with a single.

"It was a very well played game," said Arnold. "Bedford

was a big test for us. We proved that we could play with the best teams out there."

In the first game against Okomos, Conlon pitched a three-hitter with seven strikeouts in five innings to lead the Lady Chiefs to an 11-2 victory.

Osburn earned the save. She pitched a three-hitter in the bottom two frames and recorded three strikeouts.

The offense helped out with Delapaz knocking in two runners with two hits. Scero was 2-for-4 with a huge triple. Stephanie Murray was 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Next they trounced Holt, 14-1.

Scero was the heavy hitter in that game. She went 2-for-3 from the plate, including a home run to lead off the sixth inning and an RBI. Molly Przybylski was 2-for-3.

Osburn recorded the win that time. She struck out nine batters in the seven-inning four-hitter.

To get to the championship game against Bedford, Canton

See **Softball**, page 16



Canton's Molly Conlon (above) winds up for a pitch in her team's 7-1 victory against Plymouth on Friday. She pitched a three-hitter with 12 strikeouts.



## Romulus soccer falls to Kennedy

The struggling Romulus Eagle soccer team (left) fell, 4-0, to the Eagles from Taylor Kennedy last Wednesday. Jordan Kilduff, Jessi Pattenau and Laura Felker scored for Kennedy. Taylor scored their first goal with about 14 minutes left in the first half and filed three more in the second.

### Other scores:

The Eagle baseball crew lost both games of a doubleheader (8-9, 1-5) against Wyandotte on Saturday but defeated Ecorse, 12-3, last Wednesday. Philip Roscoe went 2-for-3 with a home run.

The Lady Eagle softball squad also topped Ecorse, 17-10, on Wednesday. Amanda Hollis went 3-for-5 with a triple in the win.

## Northville soccer squad holds off Canton, 1-0

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Any time Northville and Canton pair off in soccer it's bound to be a nail biter.

That proved true on Monday night, when the Mustangs edged past the Chiefs, 1-0.

With just less than six minutes left to play in the game, Northville's sophomore sharp shooter received a pass from junior Lindsay Blair at midfield. Danielle Toney crossed over to the left side of the field, beat the defender and popped the ball over the head of the goalie with her right foot, according to Northville Coach Ron Meteyer.

Although Toney recorded the winning goal, Meteyer said the win belonged to the defense. Seniors Simone Toney and Brooke Richard along with junior Kate Hawthorn and sophomore Kristen Slack anchored the defense and held Canton to just five shots.

Junior goaltender Katie Weicksel stopped all the shots on net and recorded her fourth shutout of the season.

"The defense probably played their best game of the season," Meteyer said. "We tried some different defensive looks and they really played quality defense."

### Northville 11, Wayne 0

The winning Mustangs continued to win and the struggling Wayne Zebras continued to struggle last week.

When the two varsity soccer teams met last Wednesday,

Northville won in an 11-0 shutout.

Weicksel only had to make two saves the entire game while the ball remained in the Zebras' end most of the time, according to Meteyer.

Assistant Coach Ian MacDonald took over the headmaster's chair for the win. Meteyer was attending a ceremony in which he was a Teacher of the Year nominee.

His team didn't falter without his leadership, though.

It was business as usual for junior Lauren Hill, who scored four goals for the Mustangs. Blair, Danielle Toney, Alaina Wolozyn, Amy Cauzillo, Julie Raymond, Jen Kritch and Simone Toney all scored single goals in the routing.

### Northville 2, Franklin 1

Due to the unfavorable weather that moved through the area last weekend, Northville's contest against Franklin last Monday was moved from Northville to Franklin High School.

Meteyer didn't seem to mind as his team gained more time on turf—something he feels will be beneficial come districts and the regional tournament.

Franklin started things off quick with a score in the first minute of the game. Meghan Hargen managed to knock one by a screened Weicksel for the 1-0 lead.

Northville's Kritch, with help from Hill, responded. After receiving the pass from Hill, Kritch launched a shot that went off the

## Pros play prompts coach to ponder lineup, roster changes

Jason Carmel Davis  
Staff Writer

Any first-year team in any league may face a number of problems, but effort should not be one of them. And the recent play of his squad has Detroit Pros head coach Michael Aaron questioning his team's resolve and level of play.

After starting their inaugural season with two blowout wins where they averaged 134.5 points, the Pros have dropped

their last two contests, putting them at 3-3 on the season. That's not a good sign, as Detroit's next three games are tilts with Grand Rapids and Battle Creek—two teams with one loss between them.

While the team wants to play an up tempo style of basketball, they currently don't have the personnel to do so. In last Friday's 140-128 loss to Grand Rapids, the Pros committed 27 turnovers, leading to a number of fast breaks for the Flight.

"We try to run, and that's what we want to do," Aaron said. "But we're running recklessly and not with smarts."

Turnovers aren't the only issue Detroit is facing right now.

Aaron said he can see a lack of effort in his player's eyes. He also said that some of his guys are sulking and not playing with energy.

"Some of these guys are acting like this is a burden," Aaron said.

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# Belleville hitters end 5-game slide, back on track

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers put an end to their five-game slide when they defeated Milan, 10-3, in the second half of their doubleheader on Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

"Everybody, 1-9, was hitting the ball for us that game," said Belleville Coach Chris Dessellier. "This time we played everybody. Some of our second stringers were hitting the ball pretty good. I just hope we can keep it up."

Senior Joe Kennedy earned the win from the mound.

Although the Tigers' (7-14, 1-4 in the Mega red) are out of the picture for a Mega Red conference championship, it doesn't mean they have to lay down and wait for districts, Dessellier said.

"I still think that we can cause some damage in the second half of the season," he said. "I think we can cause some problems for other teams in the conference."

Their slide started off with an 8-4 loss to Monroe back on April 20. Belleville led 4-0 after the first

inning but errors caused the loss, according to Dessellier.

Then they hosted Trenton last Monday and fell, 2-0. Of all the days to set records, Trenton's ace pitcher Anthony Bass picked that one to set a new school record with 19 strikeouts, just two shy of the state record.

Kennedy recorded the loss for Belleville. He stuck out six, walked four and only gave up three hits.

Then Belleville lost a close one against Garden City, 4-3, in eight innings last Wednesday.

The Cougars Matt Barnier doubled in the eighth frame and scored the winning run on Brett King's double. Barnier also hit a two-run homer earlier in the game.

Sophomore Josh Sparkman recorded the loss for the Tigers. He allowed four hits in five and two-thirds innings. Senior Jeff Jablonski finished out the remaining two and one-third innings.

The streak continued against their archrivals Southgate on Friday when they were shut out, 6-0.

"It's tough for the kids because they know that they're better than this," Dessellier said. "We have kids that play hard everyday; that's all I can really say. We just have to keep playing hard and play as a team."

He said he hopes that the win over Milan will help spur his team on through the second half of the season. They head to Lincoln Park on Monday before they host Monroe in a rematch on Wednesday. Then they travel to Trenton for another shot at Bass on Friday.

# Northville Mustang baseball tops division leader Wayne, 2-1

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The 10-3 Mustangs may have salvaged their chances for a division title when they defeated a tough Wayne Memorial team, 2-1, on Friday.

"Wayne was leading the division and we were coming off of a big division loss against Walled Lake Western, so it was a must-win for us to have a chance in the division," said Northville Coach John Kostzrewa.

The game placed Northville's sophomore Bryce Jenney against the experienced Wayne senior Dave Clendenning. It was Jenney who walked away with the win, though. He pitched four and two-thirds innings before junior Tim

Parent earned the save.

Parent didn't give up any runs in the two and one-thirds innings he pitched. He hasn't given up an earned run this year in the 15 innings he has pitched, according to Kostzrewa.

The teams were still tied, 1-1, at the top of the seventh, when Northville senior Jeff Richards doubled in senior Steve Besk for what would be the winning run.

Wayne had the bases loaded in the bottom of the final frame with two outs. Junior first baseman Charlie Thomas scrambled after a foul ball in a play that sent him crashing into the fence, but he caught the ball and ended the game.

Thomas wasn't the only player to make a spectacular play on

defense. Besk made a diving catch earlier in the game with runners for Wayne sitting at first and second. Mike O'Brien also made a diving catch to hold Wayne off.

"It was nice to see we can come up with a big hit when we need it," Kostzrewa said. "We lost a couple of division games by one run so it was nice to see that we could pull out a win in a close game. I hope it gets us back on track."

The win seemed to have spurred on the Mustangs, as they dismantled Redford Union in both games of a doubleheader on Saturday.

They won the first game, 8-3. Sophomore Bret Spencer earned the W. He pitched a three

hitter with five strikeouts.

Besk was 2-for-3 with two RBI and senior Tyler Laing recorded two singles.

In the second game Northville shut Redford down, 10-0.

Thomas hit a grand slam in the third, which helped put the game away in five innings.

Senior Andrew Smith only allowed four hits in the shortened game for the victory.

"We had a chance to play a lot of different guys and they all contributed—it was more of an offensive game for us," Kostzrewa said. "It shows that we have a lot of good players; a lot of good young players."

Northville is 1-2 in division play, with losses to Walled Lake Western and Franklin, but will


have a chance to improve on that when they face two divisional opponents this week. They hosted Stevenson on Wednesday but the results were unavailable at press time. They head to Franklin for a rematch on Friday. Then they could redeem themselves of both division losses when they host Western next Monday.

With about 20 games left he said the team still needs some improvement.

"We need to continue to get more consistent," he said. "We've had good pitching from everybody who's pitched but we haven't been as consistent on offense as we would like to be. We have to work on the fundamentals and get stronger on offense."

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# Salem softball finishes tough week, wins doubleheader

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Salem Lady Rocks varsity softball team had a tough start to the week but they finished off strong with two victories against Wyandotte in a doubleheader.

They shut out Wyandotte, 8-0, in the first game.

Salem scored three runs in the fourth inning and followed up with five more in the fifth frame.

Kelli Behr was perfect from the plate, going 3-for-3. Ali Proodian was 2-for-3. Tina Sniegowski, Kait Mckinley, Maureen Bohr and Crystal Rohn all had singles in the rout.

Courtney Davis earned the win on the hill for Salem. She gave up six hits, with no walks. Melissa Leach came in at the top of the sixth for relief and held Wyandotte hitless the rest of the way.

The Rocks continued to roll in the second game for an 11-1 victory.

This time Leach started in the circle and pitched a one-hitter with no walks.

Salem's offense recorded 13 hits on their way to the five-inning victory. The final hit by Amy Caves scored Behr for the mercy at the bottom of the fifth.

Behr was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI; Caves was also 3-for-4 with two RBI. Mckinley went 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI. Liz Thomas was 2-for-3.

Other big hitters included Proodian, who knocked in two runs with a triple, and Maureen Bohr, with a double and two RBI.

The two wins improved Salem's record to 8-5 but it took some work to get there.

They started the week with a 4-0 loss to Churchill.

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Monday," said Salem Coach Bonnie Southerland. "We were only able to connect with one hit."

That lone hit came from Behr in the seventh inning.

Davis gave up eight hits and one walk with four strikeouts in the loss.

Errors made the difference—three of Churchill's four runs were unearned, according to Southerland.

Then the Rocks went to Walled Lake Western and fell to the Warriors, 3-1.

They out hit Western, 11-6, but left 10 runners on base, accord-

ing to Southerland. They left runners on base in all but two innings. The game was tied 1-1 going into the sixth when Western scored two runs.

Proodian was 3-for-3 and Mckinley went 2-for-3 with a double and a single.

Salem scored their one run in the sixth when Mckinley doubled with one out, Proodian singled, then Behr knocked Mckinley in.

Friday was another close one when they faced Stevenson. The Spartans, due to some stellar play, snuck away with a 9-7 win.

"It was one of those games

that you need to win," Southerland said. "Both teams gave the other many opportunities to finish it. My girls were hitting the ball well. Stevenson made some great catches in the field that stole the game."

"It wasn't the best week but I can honestly say that there wasn't a game that we weren't in it until the finish," she added.

At the end of the week the Rocks were left with an 8-5 overall record and a busier week ahead of them.

On Monday they faced Walled Lake Northern on the road; Tuesday they took on neighbors Canton at Massey Field and Wednesday they hosted Wayne Memorial but the results of the three games were unavailable at press time.

Tomorrow they host Walled Lake Central and on Saturday they will participate in the Canton Invitational.

## Softball

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first had to get by Chelsea.

The Lady Chiefs did more than get by them; they shut them down, 4-0.

Conlon recorded another 10

Ks and pitched a one-hitter in five innings. And when she wasn't striking players out she was knocking them in. She was only 1-for-3 at bat but knocked in two of the team's four runs.

Osburn earned the save again with three strikeouts. She only gave up one hit and she was also 3-for-4 at the plate.

Junior infielder Rachel Wade was a force at the plate, too; she went 3-for-4 with a double. Delapaz was 2-for-3.

The four wins at the tournament left the Chiefs undefeated at 13-0.

"I'm really happy with 13-0, but how can I not be," Arnold said. "Hopefully we can keep it

going."

They head to a struggling Wayne Memorial team at 4 p.m. tomorrow and then host the eight-team Canton Classic Varsity Tournament starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

**Canton 7, Plymouth 1**

Conlon earned another win against neighboring opponents

Plymouth on Friday.

She pitched a three-hitter, struck out 12 batters with only one walk and one earned run. She also went 2-for-2 at the plate with a double and three RBI.

Scero went 3-for-5 with an RBI and a double. Delapaz nailed a triple to get two RBIs at her single time at bat. Wade was 2-for-2.

## Pros

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"I think it's a microcosm of playing in a smaller league. Guys aren't coming in self-motivated. I'm learning that one of the toughest things to do is coach grown men. These next few games will tell me if I'm cut out to do this or not."

Aaron said he may look to

make some personnel changes in the coming weeks. With 13 games remaining on the schedule, those changes may come sooner than some of the players think.

While it seems like he's being a bit rough on his unit, Aaron did say that a lack of practice time may be what's keeping the Pros from playing at their highest level.

That lack of on-court time showed in Saturday's loss to

Youngstown.

Detroit jumped out to an early 19-13 lead, but the Wildcats employed a zone defense that enabled them to go on a 10-0 spurt to take a 23-19 lead going into the second quarter. Youngstown remained in that zone for the duration, and the Pros could not solve the Wildcats' defensive set-up.

"That zone killed us," Aaron said. "For three quarters, they never came out of it, and we

couldn't hit a shot. We didn't even try to break it down. Instead of making basketball plays, we made individual plays."

Aaron said his team needs to concentrate on playing team basketball. He also said that's what the opposition did all weekend, and that's the only advantage the two visiting squads had.

"There was no reason for us to lose to either of those teams," Aaron said. "Talent-wise, we can compete for a championship.

But the most talented team doesn't always win. You've got to play together."

Even with all the problems currently surrounding the team, Aaron still believes his squad can have a good season.

"We just need to strap up and get this thing turned back around," he said. "I'm still confident we can get things going and maybe even win a championship. We just have to play like we want it."

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# Lady Mustangs roll over Bay City in softball tourney

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs rolled into Bay City and won the invitational varsity tournament there with three impressive victories.

To win the contest they had to defeat the No. 7-ranked Division 4 team in the state—Bay City. They handled the pressure well and walked away with a 4-3 victory.

The ‘Stangs scored four runs early for a 4-0 lead but in the fourth Bay City inched back and scored a run in each of the next three innings, making it a 4-3 game at the end of the sixth.

At the end of the seventh Bay City had base runners at first and second and their big hitter at the plate. She nailed a deep ball but Emma Wise grabbed it to put an end to the game, according to Northville Coach Jean Calabrese.

Jane Kruszewski recorded the win from the mound. She gave up nine hits and one walk and served up eight Ks.

“We had batters that really hit the ball well for us,” she said. “The girls are playing outstanding right now. They know what they want to accomplish this year and they’re working toward it.

“We’ve really been focusing on base running, hitting, and of course, pitching,” she added. “They’re doing all of the little things that great teams do to win and the kids know that. It’s a total team effort.”

They also beat Montrose, 6-0, in the first game of the tournament. Kruszewski earned the win again. She pitched a two-

hitter and retired nine batters.

Freshman Jenna Dumbleton and junior Christy Badeen were the big hitters on the day.

“Christy (Badeen) was hitting doubles all day long—everything she hit was a double,” Calabrese said. “Jenna (Dumbleton) was knocking singles around and hit the ball hard, sending runners around.”

They also defeated Flint Towers, 6-1, in their second game.

Dumbleton took her turn in the circle and only recorded one walk—her first in three games, according to Calabrese.

Northville is 12-3 overall with a perfect division record of 3-0. They have a 3-1 conference record.

The Lady Mustangs have a busy week this week. They played Plymouth on Monday and Stevenson on Wednesday but the results of the games were unavailable at press time. They host Franklin tomorrow before they head to the Canton Invite on Saturday.

The Mustangs made it to the final game of the Canton tournament last year and beat the heavily favored Chiefs.

Calabrese said it’s too early to think about the tournament but she is looking forward to it.

## Northville 16, Wayne 0

It only took three innings for the Mustangs to score 16 runs and mercy Wayne Memorial on Friday.

Dumbleton struck out eight of the nine batters for the win.

On offense Laura Zima nailed a triple and Kelly Lockman, Badeen and Hughes all had multiple hits on the day.

# Wildcats run past Western

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The Plymouth Wildcat boys’ track club defeated Walled Lake Western, 98-39, last Thursday.

The meet started out with the 3700-meter relay team of Anthony Scaparo, Sean Dillon, Kyle Wallath and Justin Magill winning first place with a time of 8:47.16.

From there they would win at least a first in everything but the 3200-meter run, the shot put and the discus competition.

Plymouth took the two of the top spots in the 110 hurdles. Nate Gholston finished first (16:67) and Nick Plescia ended up in third. Then D.J. Coleman won the 100-meter dash in 11.26. Rico Tyus followed in third (11.76).

Tyus returned to the track with his three teammates Josh Leduc, Brad Wiley and Gholston to win the 800-meter relay event (1:37.61).

Scaparo won the 1600-meter open run (4:51.06) and Patrick Slavens finished about six seconds later for third. The distance duo finished in second and third in the 3200-meter race. Scaparo finished in a time of 10:36.8 and Slavens, 10:54.4.

Gholston, Leduc, Tyus and Coleman teamed up and ran the 400-meter relay in 45.86 for first place. Plymouth swept the

400 open with Dillon in first (54.1), Leduc in second (56.57) and third went to Dan Narko (57.04).

Gholston topped the charts again when he left the rest of the competition in the dust for a first place in the 300 hurdles (45.06). Plescia was hot on his heels for second (45.10).

Dillon won the 800-meter run (2:09.3) with Wallath in second (2:10.09).

Coleman led the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.26 and Wiley ended up in third (24.75).

Narko, Plescia, Magill and Dillon captured gold in the 1600-meter relay in 3:49.25.

In the field events Nate Sherwood landed in first in the pole vault competition when he cleared 11’ 4”. Andy Knisely made it over 10’ 6” for second place.

Cameron Scharchburg took first in the high jump when he made 5’ 6” and Ziggy Barnett took third with 5’ even.

Coleman dominated the long jump with a 19’ 8” jump and Tyus landed in second with a distance of 18’ 1.25”.

Jarred Hurler the shot put 38.8 feet for third place and Gerald Lou hurled the discus 117.9 feet for second. Ryan Bailey placed third in the discus competition (113.11).

The Wildcats also defeated Northville, 81-56, earlier in the week. Plymouth heads to Wayne Memorial at 4 p.m. today.

The game remained even until there was just 14 minutes left in the second half when Hill belted in a 20-yarder for the win. Danielle Toney notched the assist on the play.

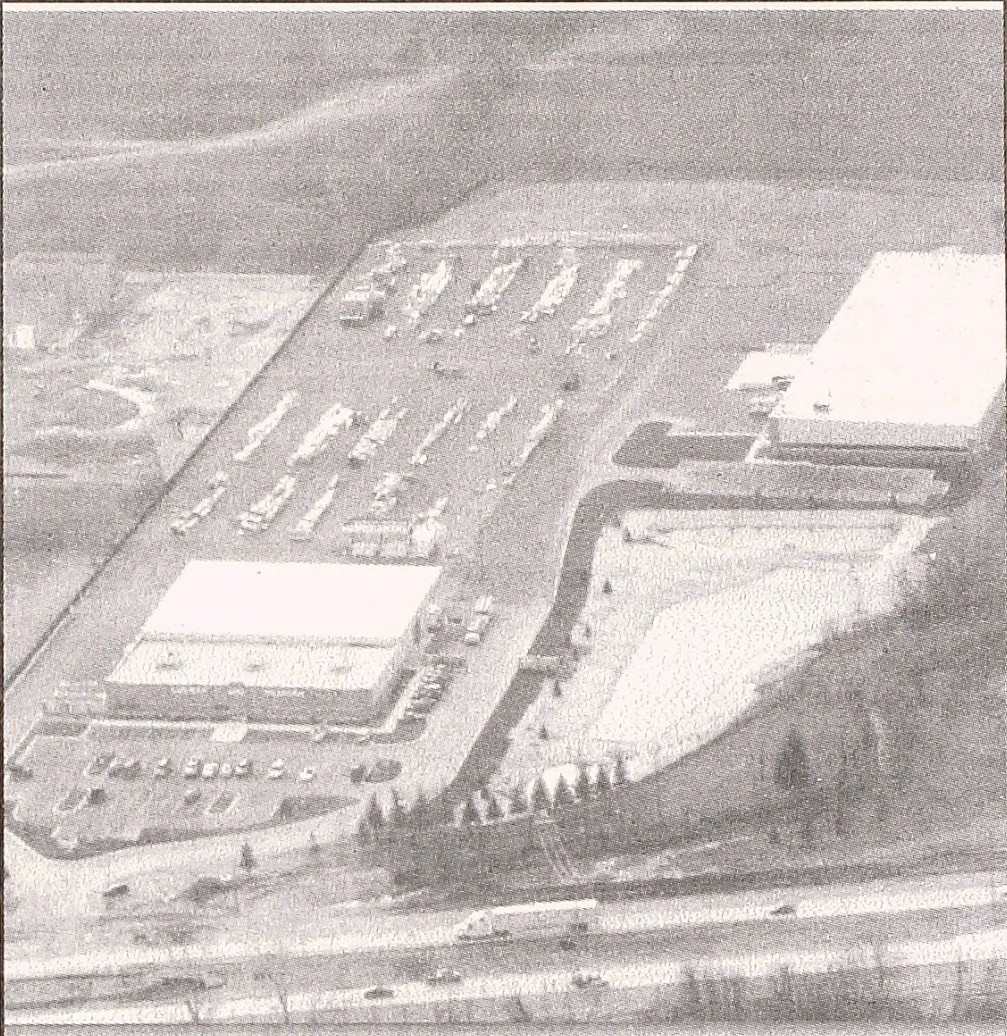
Northville will get a chance to play one of the tougher teams in the state on Saturday when they head to Saginaw Heritage.

## Soccer

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face of the Franklin goalie. She recovered the rebound and put in the equalizer.

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# Extra edge

## High school athletes use of steroids concerns officials

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Staff Writer

It's always been important for athletes to get an "edge" when they hit the court or the field.

But recently, some professional—and amateur—athletes have taken unfair measures to get that edge. The use of illegal steroids has come to the surface in many of the major sports.

While the use of the performance-enhancing drugs has been most prevalent on the professional level, younger athletes have begun to take this shortcut, as well.

That's what worries Michigan legislators.

With researchers warning of unknown consequences from adolescent use of steroids or other performance-enhancers, a House of Representatives subcommittee recently approved a bill requiring public schools to adopt policies regarding illegal use—including taking eligibility away from athletes who violate the policy. It would also require the Michigan Department of Community Health to provide an updated list of substances and information to all schools.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R.-Canton, is one of the officials who endorsed the bill. LaJoy coached a high school team at one time. He said steroids have no place in high school athletics, or anywhere else.

"With all the things happening in Major League Baseball, the use of steroids has gotten a lot of attention the last few months," LaJoy said. "It certainly is a problem that needs to be addressed on all levels."

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Statistics vary, but the latest national survey of steroid use among teens reports that 3.5 percent of high school seniors admitted to using steroids at least once. That may not sound like a lot, but it's a 67 percent increase over the 1991 average and a 17 percent increase over figures cited by the National Institute on Drug Abuse in 1999.

Olympic officials test for steroid use—and every other performance-enhancing drug. Pro sports leagues test. So does the NCAA. High schools, with just a few exceptions, don't test.

But anywhere from 3 to 11 percent of high school students—mostly boys—have used steroids, according to the surveys.

John Johnson, communications director for the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), said the use of steroids is becoming a bigger issue in high school athletics, but that school officials haven't seen

enough evidence of abuse to ask the MHSAA to intervene.

"Control of what goes on is in the hands of the districts. But any school at any time could come up with a proposal," Johnson said. "We'd have to listen hard to our members before sticking our neck out and coming up with a policy."

Johnson said the use of steroids is not a topic that has come up in meetings the MHSAA has conducted, and that the various school districts handle the issue in ways they see fit. The MHSAA has hosted seminars on the issue, though, to inform coaches and administrators on the effects of performance-enhancing drugs.

While there is no set policy, school districts are doing what they can to teach the ills of steroids.

Frank Ruggirello, Jr., director of community relations for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, said those who interact with athletes within the district hammer home the negative effects steroids have.

"Our coaches talk to kids regularly about the dangers of steroids," he said. "They also preach the benefits of hard work and eating right."

Michigan is one of several states reviewing policies of steroid use among high school athletes after controversy surrounding the use of steroids in professional athletics.

In Connecticut, a lawmaker proposed an amendment to a bill that would require steroid education for student-athletes. In Florida, Minnesota and Texas, legislation is pending that would require steroid testing in high schools, as well.

## Medical experts urge testing for drug use

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Dr. Linn Goldberg, professor of medicine and director of the division of health promotion and sports medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University, has studied steroid use for almost 20 years.

He said the best way to combat steroid use in high school—and all athletics—is to inform coaches and administrators.

"When you have administrators and teachers turning a blind eye to the subject, that's a problem," Goldberg said. "If (school officials) don't step up and recognize that this is becoming a problem, then it's partly their fault that their kids are using steroids."

Goldberg, who also serves as the U.S. Olympic Committee crew chief for drug surveillance, said images of professional ath-

letes and their muscular builds also play a role in increased steroid usage.

Using anabolic steroids is not only illegal, but it also can have serious side effects.

Over time, steroids can stunt users' growth, shrink testicles and cause heart and liver damage. Adolescents also may be at risk for becoming dependent on them. Teens who use steroids are also more likely to use other addictive drugs and alcohol, too, he said.

The effects vary based on gender, as well.

Male steroid users may experience a reduced sperm count, impotence, an increase in nipple and breast size, and an enlarged prostate (gland that mixes fluid with sperm to form semen).

Steroid use is not limited to males, though. More and more females are putting themselves at risk by using these drugs.

Female users experience side effects such as reduced breast size, an enlarged clitoris, an increase in facial and body hair, a deepened voice and menstrual problems.

Steroids can also have negative effects on the mind and behavior.

"Roid rage"—severe, aggressive behavior that may result in violence, such as fighting or destroying property—is common among steroid abusers. They also experience severe mood swings, hallucinations, paranoia, anxiety and panic attacks, depression and thoughts of suicide and an angry, hostile, or irritable mood.

Over-the-counter supplements such as creatine and androstenedione ("andro") have gained popularity, too. Though these supplements are not steroids, manufacturers claim they can help build muscles—and improve strength and stamina—without the side

effects of steroids. Though they are not classified as steroids, these substances are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are not held to the same strict standards as drugs. Like steroids, the NFL, NCAA, and the International Olympic Committee also ban them. These products may be unsafe, too.

Goldberg has developed two initiatives that were recognized by the anabolic steroid control act of 2004.

The Adolescents Training and Learning to Avoid Steroids (ATLAS) program uses a team-oriented educational approach that motivates and empowers student athletes to make the right choices about steroid use. Athletes Targeting Healthy Exercise and Nutrition Alternatives (ATHENA) is a

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# Steroids

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school-based team-centered prevention program for female athletes on middle and high school sports, dance and cheerleading teams.

A problem facing proponents of a testing policy for high school athletes is the cost of administering tests.

It costs about \$50 to test a high school athlete for steroids. John Johnson, Communications director for the Michigan High School Athletic Association, said his sister teaches in Phoenix. Her district randomly selected three students each week throughout school year to be tested.

"It'd be difficult for the state to fund the tests," Johnson said. "I haven't seen anything below \$100. Three hundred dollars a week for a whole school year is a lot of

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**Mike Kaput**

money.”

Although it is an issue that needs to be dealt with, many coaches have not had the problem of one of their players using steroids. An old adage leads one coach to think steroid use will always be present.

“As long as winning is important, steroid usage will be present,” said Plymouth High School hockey coach Mike Kaput. “However, I think that the vast majority of coaches and programs do not tolerate them. I think this is due mainly to the fact that all of

the coaches I know would ban their players from their teams if they were found using them.”

Goldberg doesn't agree that players should be kicked off teams.

“I think kids who are caught using (steroids) should get counseling,” he said. “They're not pros, you want to teach them, not ostracize them. You might suspend them a game, but keep them on the team. Show them you care before you single them out.”

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 11, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

**Present:** LeRoy Burcroff, William Crave, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-126

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 4, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None.  
Abstain- Prybyla.  
Motion Carried.

05-127

3A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution approving Supplement # 15 to the Consent Judgement representing a proposed sale of 2005 Completion Bonds in the amount of \$15,790,000, including costs of issuance. Said bonds represent the final bonds to be issued under the requirements of the Consent Judgment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-128

3A2. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution approving the 2005 Capital Improvement Bond for capital replacement and upgrades totaling \$3,805,000, of which Romulus has 12.7 percent based on a five year tolling flow averages.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-129

3A3. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution approving the 2005 SRF Primary Tank/Clarifier Automation Bonds with interest rates of approximately 1.625 percent, for improvements and replacements for the total amount not to exceed \$4,760,000. Romulus will be assessed 12.7 percent in the first year which may be adjusted each year, based on the five year rolling averages.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-130

3B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to grant a no-fee permit to the Romulus Historical Society to hold a flea market at the Historical Park on June 25, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-131

3C. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant Special Land Use Approval for PC-2004-025 Romulus Community Baptist Church, 6200 Fourth Street, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, subject to the following:

- 1) Waiver to allow ingress and egress to the site from local roads (Martin and Colorado) because of the location of the existing structure on site, the location underground utilities and no residential being located on the other side of either road in the proximity of the church.
- 2) Waiver for the required 4 foot masonry wall as follows:
  - Lots 178 & 179 provided an 8-foot wide path with dense evergreens along the south side are provided.
  - North property line and parking area provided the asphalt walkway is installed to connect the park to the side walks along Colorado.
  - West property line and residential provided the 45 foot wide areas is bermed and adequately landscaped.

- Lots 192 & 191 provide written documentation that a wall is not desired by the homeowner, otherwise a screen wall must be provided with the landscaping.
- 3) Compliance with the Planning Commission conditions of site plan review.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
None- Nays.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-132

4A 1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to grant a no-fee permit to the Community United Methodist Church, located at 11160 Olive Street, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, for its Annual Rummage Sale to be held on May 12, 13, and 14, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-133

4A2. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution thanking Mr. Edward Buczkowski for his many years of dedicated service on the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. \*No Action Taken-File of Life Presentation by Chief Allison.

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5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to concur with the administration and reappoint Mr. Fred Hay, Mr. Gerald Wendland, Mr. Virgil Varner, Mr. William Cran, Mr. Mark Lewkowicz and to appoint Mr. Sheldon Chandler to the Romulus Historical Commission with all terms to expire December 29, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A 1. No Action Taken.

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11. Motion by Prybyla, supported Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds listed on Warrant 05-07 in the total amount of Five Hundred, Twenty Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Dollars and Fifty Five Cents (\$527,550.50).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 11, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 5, 2005



# OBITUARIES

## DOBBINS, Betty Jean

Betty Jean Dobbins, 71, a 53-year resident of Belleville, died April 16.

Among her survivors are her husband, Edward Gray Dobbins; her children, Barbara Jean (Thomas) Havera of Flat Rock, Linda (William) Roupe of Belleville, Robert Edward Dobbins of Alabama, Gary Wayne Dobbins of Belleville, Rose Marie (Dannie) Roberts of Belleville and Melissa Anne Dobbins, also of Belleville; sisters, Claudia Campbell and Wanda Belt of Providence, Ken, Edna Earl Whittaker of Danville, Ill., Judy (Bob) Raymond and Marilyn Joyce Cowan, both of Kentucky; brothers, Clyde Wayne Burton and Dee Leslie (Judy) Burton, both of Providence, Ken.; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Calvary Baptist Church, where Mrs. Dobbins was a member of the Ladies Missionary and an Awana teacher for several years, with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

## ALFORD, Pat

Pat F. Alford, 81, a 47-year resident of Belleville, died April 19.

Among his survivors are his wife of nearly 58 years, E. June (Cole) Alford; children, Vicky June (Mark) Harden of Canton Township, Wendell Patrick Alford and Patricia (Fred) Harris, both of Belleville; siblings, James (Frieda) Alford and Harold (Dot) Alford, both of Arkansas, Jimmie (Dee) Alford of Missouri, Frank Alford of Arkansas, Wilma Alford of Missouri, Ophelia Eagan of Arkansas, Carolyn (Charles) Richardson of Arkansas and Ola Mae (Joe) Petty of Tennessee; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Alford served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Vires officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

## BURKE, Marlene

Marlene A. Burke, 74, of Florida, formerly of Detroit, died April 16.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 35 years, Bobby E. Burke; children, Heather (Herbert) Hold of Mantou Beach, Fla., Sharon (Rick)

Church of Belleville, Sandra (David) Armstrong of Sarasota, Fla. and William (Jamie) Burke of Brandon, Fla.; 19 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Burke was a Miss D.S.R. in 1949 and volunteered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She was active with Marriage Encounter Michigan.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Richter officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West in Westland.

## CARRICO, Eleanor

Eleanor Mary Carrico, 79, a 20-year resident of Belleville, died April 25.

Among her survivors are his children, Thomas F. Carrico of Westland, Jim E. (Sandra) Carrico of Clinton Township, Barbara Carrico of Belleville and Roberta (Birdie) Fisher of Roseville; sisters, Caroline Swindland and Emma Malecke; sister-in-law, Mary Carrico; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated a funeral mass for Mrs. Carrico at St. Anthony Catholic Church where she was a member.

She was also a member of the September Days Senior Citizens.

Interment was at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

## WILMS, Marjorie

Marjorie Ellen Wilms, 75, of Westland, formerly of Belleville, died April 28.

Among her survivors are her children, Nancy June (Thomas) Kongeal of Lake City, Mark Gary (Penny) Wilms of Ypsilanti, Cheryl Ann (William) Wellday of Pinckney and Laurie Ann (Ramon) Gonzales of Alabaster, Ala.; siblings, Elsie Jane Harkness of New Mexico and Gordon Hackett of California, and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial service took place at the Four Seasons Nursing Center.

Interment of her cremains was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

## JONES, Arthur Wilson

Arthur Wilson Jones, 78, of Sun City Center, Fla., died April 20.

Among his survivors are his wife, E. Joyce Jones, a son, Carroll M. Jones; stepchildren, Richard Mouchon, Ronald Mouchon, William Esper, Robin Foley, Donna Giacomino and Barbara Hemke; sisters, Norma G. Weiser and Estell (Babe) Walsh; 16 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wilson was formerly an executive vice-president of Weiser Scrap Iron and Metal.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. David Bevington officiating.

Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

## VIER, Henry

Henry B. Viers, 81, of Canton Township, formerly a 49-year resident of Belleville, died April 24.

Among his survivors is his wife of more than 51 years, Nina Ruth Viers; a son, Douglas Taylor Viers of Belleville; siblings, Whetsel (Laverne) Viers and Fred Viers, both of Belleville, Luther (Darlene) Viers of Belleville and Florida, Kelsie Poe and Sue (Woody) Barker, both of Belleville; grandchildren Victor Michael Viers and Holly Marie

Viers, both of Belleville, and a great-grandson, Mason.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastors Jim Whittington and J.C. Hager officiating.

Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.

## MARTIN, Lloyd

Lloyd James Martin, 60, a resident of Belleville since 1963, died April 24.

Among his survivors are his companion, Linda Jean Jordan of Belleville; his children, Jimmy (Taira) Martin of Ypsilanti and Sheri (Matthew) Ryan of Belleville; a stepson, Harold F. Kinzel of Mesick; siblings Roy William (Delores) Martin of Onstead, Rick (Dedra) Kinzel, Jr. and Charles (Pam) Kinzel, all of Belleville, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Martin retired from Detroit Edison after 32 years of service.

Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated a funeral mass for Mr. Martin at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where he was a member.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 04/05-31 TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified nursery suppliers for pricing for approximately 160, 2" diameter trees of different varieties to replace the trees lost to the Emerald Ash Tree Borer.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: [Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us)

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2005. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

#### BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
BID 04/05-31 - TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

(3) The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID # 04/05-30 Demolition List 04-02

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified contractors for the demolitions of structures on the following properties:

Garage Only - 11132 Delano  
Residential Structure - 29807 Smith  
Commercial Structure - 29505 Ecorse

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, or by calling (734) 955-4568.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 17, 2005. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

#### BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
BID 04/05-30- Demolition List 04-02  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

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### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 04/05-29 CARPET TILE

#### ROMULUS COMMUNITY LIBRARY, 11121 WAYNE ROAD

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: [Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us)

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., TUESDAY, May 17, 2005. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

#### BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
BID 04/05-29 - CARPET TILE - ROMULUS COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
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## 6. Legal-Notices

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**Joseph Valentine**  
**Barnett, DOB 6/25/01**  
**Mary Helen Barnett,**  
**DOB 7/16/03**

A neglect Petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on May 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rex B Martin Judicial Building, Family Division-Juvenile Unit, 425 N. Main Street, Adrian, MI 49221.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED,**  
**That Helen White-Eagle Kitchen (Mother)** personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

**THIS HEARING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Judge Charles Wm. Jameson

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## 54. Rummage Sales

**CHURCH WIDE RUMMAGE SALE**  
11160 Olive Street  
Romulus, MI 734-941-0736  
May 12th & 13th  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
May 14th  
9:00am - noon

## 56. Garage Sales

**GARAGE/MOVING SALE**  
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## 59. Auctions

**Notice of Public Sale.**  
On Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 11:00 AM, at U-Store-It, 28266 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174 with reserve, will sell by the unit to the highest bid by CASH all rights, title and interest to the following property of:

Jerald Wayne Baggett-A33: Commercial video game, welding kit, TV, misc.

Ronald Robinson-A32: Bags, boxes, furniture, misc.

Timothy Lea-E59: Totes, boxes, furniture

Connie M. Madison-A15: Lawn mower, printer, furniture

**PUBLIC AUCTION:**  
**FORT KNOX STORAGE**  
Sun., May 22, 10:00am  
39205 Ford Rd., Westland  
[www.fortknoxmi.com](http://www.fortknoxmi.com)  
(734) 981-0700

#046-Melvin Lumberg: fax machines, computer

#181-Raymond Stafirski: tool boxes, appliances, misc. boxes, totes

#186-Fredrick L. Mallard: microwave, boxes, chairs

#194-Mary Merlo: books, TVs, totes, appliances, dresser

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On MAY 10, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1984 Chrysler 5th Ave. 4 Dr Red  
1C3BF66P8EX577473

1993 Plymouth Acclaim 4 Dr Green  
1P3XA463XPF550169

1988 Toyota Camry 4 Dr Maroon  
JT2SV21E7J3255169

1990 Mercury Topaz 4 Dr White  
2MEPM36X5LB627237

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1992 Pontiac Grand Am 4 Dr Maroon  
1G2NE5436NM065299

1988 Honda Accord 2 Dr Red  
JHMC4546JC092044

1991 Ford Aerostar StWgn White  
1FMDA31U9M2B15713

2000 Chevy Cavalier 4 Dr Silver  
1G1JC5241Y7113217

2004 Nissan Maxima 4 Dr Silver  
1N4BA41E54C858453

1990 Olds 2 Dr Red  
1G3NF14U7LM749687

1994 Chevy Lumina StWgn Green  
1GNDU06L8RT103001

1992 Ford Taurus 4 Dr Blue  
1FALP52U9NG264392

1995 Nissan Altima 4 Dr Black  
1N4BU31D0SC197243

2004 Hyundai Sonata 4 Dr Blue  
KMHWF25S84A001603

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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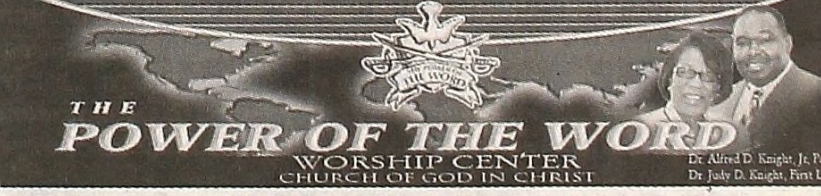
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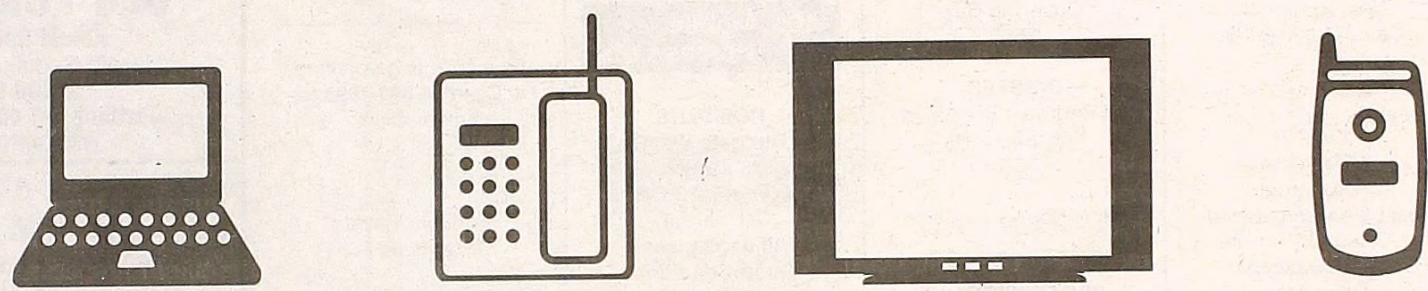
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